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3. FRANCE: Communist anti-American propaganda themes--Caffery has been informed by a "friendly official" that in their anti-American propaganda campaign the French Communists will claim that (a) the US is acquiring control of the French economy and will "strangle" French production; (b) the acquisition of US surplus property is "very bad business"; and (c) the ships that the US will sell to France are "useless."

4. VENEZIA GIULIA: SAC proposes withdrawal from Pola--Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean, has requested CCS authorization to withdraw his troops from Pola at his discretion. SAC believes that in the event of hostilities the garrison's position would be militarily indefensible. US Political Advisor Byington at Caserta feels that the proposed withdrawal, though sound from a military point of view, would impress the Yugoslavs *over*

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as a sign of weakness and would be difficult to reconcile with SAC's firm announcement that the US and UK intend to maintain their present positions pending Allied agreement on the future of Venezia Giulia.

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Indonesians seek to send delegation to US -

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[Redacted] representatives of Sjahrir's cabinet may shortly ask US Consul Foote whether an official cabinet mission seeking US assistance for the cause of Indonesian independence would be welcomed in Washington. Acting Secretary Acheson has directed Foote to discourage the plan and to point out that members of any Indonesian delegation could

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not be received officially by the US.

8. PHILIPPINES: General MacArthur going to Manila--The State Department has notified President-elect Roxas that General MacArthur will represent the US Army at the inaugural ceremonies in Manila on 4 July.

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9. ARGENTINA: Axis funds to be frozen--Ambassador Messersmith has been informed by the Argentine Foreign Office that Argentina has guaranteed to freeze at once any "funds of enemy ownership" in the balances of the Bank of the Argentine Nation and the Bank of the Province of Buenos Aires. Messersmith accordingly recommends that the US immediately unblock deposits of those banks held in this country.

Peron's "moderation" in address to Congress--Messersmith also reports that he is encouraged by Peron's "tone of moderation" on both international and domestic matters in his address at the opening of the Argentine Congress.

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